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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV (SIC) VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA?

1. FEBRUARY 5 ISSUE OF LOCALLY-PUBLISHED NOVOSTI
RAG, "SOVIET WEEKLY," INCLUDES ARTICLE BY VLADIMIR
SIMONOV ENTITLED, "WHOSE SHADOW LIES OVER SOUTHERN
AFRICA?"

2. ARTICLE TAKES SEVERAL UNSURPRISING SWIPES AT
"WESTERN PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SO-CALLED
COMMUNIST THREAT" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT INCLUDES
TWO REFERENCES TO A SUPPOSEDLY FORTHCOMING VISIT
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TO SOUTHERN AFRICA BY LEONID BREZHNEV. EXACT
CITATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. "A NEW OUTBREAK OF ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA IS
ALMOST CERTAINLY SCHEDULED FOR THE ANTICIPATED VISIT
BY LEONID BREZHNEV TO SOME COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH
OF AFRICA. . . "

B. "AS FOR LEONID BREZHNEV'S PROJECTED VISIT

TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, SINCE WHEN HAS THE EXCHANGE OF
STATE VISITS WITH MOSCOW BECOME TANTAMOUNT TO
'COMMUNIST PENETRATION?'"

3. OUR INITIAL FEELING IS THAT SIMONOV HAS SOMEHOW
GARBLED THE MUCH-DISCUSSED PODGORNYY VISIT AND
TRANSFORMED IT INTO A TRIP BY BREZHNEV; FCO RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT, TO WHOSE ATTENTION WE BROUGHT ARTICLE,
SHARES THIS VIEW.

4. EMBASSY TELEPHONED LOCAL EDITORIAL OFFICES OF
"SOVIET WEEKLY" TO SEEK CLARIFICATION, ONLY TO BE
TOLD, "WE CANNOT CONFIRM THE DETAILS OF THE STORY
ON THIS END AND SUGGEST YOU ASK YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN MOSCOW." SECRETARY WITH WHOM WE SPOKE DID
CONFIRM THAT AUTHOR OF ARTICLE, VLADIMIR SIMONOV,
IS A MOSCOW-BASED NOVOSTI REPORTER.

5. WOULD WELCOME MOSCOW'S COMMENTS.

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